

Amendments to the Specification

At specification page 1, after the paragraph beginning with "[t]his is a nationalization," insert the following headings:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

At specification page 1, after the paragraph beginning with "[t]he present invention relates to," insert the following heading:

2. Description of the Prior Art

At specification page 2, after the paragraph beginning with "[i]t is therefore the purpose," insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

At specification page 2, replace the paragraph beginning with "[a]ccording to the present invention" with the following replacement paragraph:

According to an embodiment of the present invention, ~~this purpose is achieved by the features specified in the characteristic part of the main claim 1~~ a withdrawal device for blow-molded film has an air turning bar with an air cushioned surface for transporting the film, and the bar surface includes at least in part a sintered material. The sintered material portion of the bar

surface provides a region of increased friction for compressed air flow, thus more effectively guiding the withdrawn film.

At specification page 4, after the paragraph beginning with "[a]n advantageous configuration of the air turning bar," insert the following heading and new paragraph:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.

At specification page 4, replace the paragraph beginning with "[t]he air turning bar" with the following replacement paragraph:

The air turning bar accordingly consists of a metal pipe that is coated with brass in its side portions. The sections of the air turning bar on which the borders of the film are guided have a surface comprising a sintered material. The surface of a metal pipe thus coated exhibits drilled holes that are distributed according

to a definite pattern. Compressed air is pressed through the interior of the pipe that is sealed on one side. The compressed air emerges through the said drilled holes. Due to this an air cushion is formed between the film guided on the air turning bar and the surface of the air turning bar. This air cushion reduces the friction between the film guided by means of the turning bar and the turning bar at least in the region of the drilled holes. In the brass-coated ~~regions~~ region of the turning bar, hereinafter referred to as a first friction region, the friction still remaining in the contact points is less, firstly due to the low friction between the film and the brass coating, and secondly since the air can be distributed well and evenly over this coating. The coating of sintered material applied in the region of the foil borders, hereinafter referred to as a second friction region, can indeed cause a slightly higher friction between the film and the turning bar. However, this is outweighed by the advantage that even the air experiences a higher friction in ~~this~~ the second friction region and hence flows poorly over ~~this~~ the second friction region. This combinatory measure considerably improves the ~~functionability~~ functionality of the air turning bar.

At specification page 4, after the last line, insert the following new paragraph:

The invention being thus described, it will be apparent that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be recognized by one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.

At specification page 5 (i.e., the first claims page), delete the heading in its entirety and replace the heading with the following replacement heading:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: